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## **INCREASING ORGAN DONATION**

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## **FOREWORD**

The Surgeon General's Workshop on Increasing Organ Donation held in July 1991 was a response to the critical need to raise donation levels. The workshop brought together approximately 125 individuals from very diverse backgrounds including medicine, nursing, law, bioethics, hospital administration, public relations, and funeral homes. Other participants included transplant recipients, lawmakers, social workers, members of donor families, and representatives of national health associations. Minority groups were also represented.

After two days of careful thought and discussions, the participants submitted a list of recommendations on how to increase donation levels. Those recommendations are presented in this document. A companion publication contains the background papers written specifically for this workshop.

It is my sincere hope that these publications, representing the collective thoughts of some of the best minds in the transplant field, will motivate more people to promote organ donation and confirm the efforts of those already fighting for this important cause. Most important, I hope that the results of this workshop and the ensuing implementation of the recommendations will translate into a second chance at life for all who await donor organs.

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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

<b>AATB</b>	American Association of Tissue Banks
<b>ABTC</b>	American Board of Transplant Coordinators
<b>ACT</b>	American Council on Transplantation
<b>AHA</b>	American Hospital Association
<b>AOPO</b>	Association for Organ Procurement Organizations
<b>ASHI</b>	American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics
<b>ASTP</b>	American Society for Transplant Physicians
<b>ASTS</b>	American Society for Transplant Surgeons
<b>CDC</b>	Center for Disease Control
<b>DHHS</b>	Department of Health and Human Services
<b>DOT</b>	Division of Organ Transplantation
<b>EBAA</b>	Eye Bank Association of America
<b>ESRD</b>	End Stage Renal Disease
<b>HCFA</b>	Health Care Financing Administration
<b>HHS</b>	Health and Human Services (Department of)
<b>HIV</b>	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
<b>HRSA</b>	Health Resources and Services Administration
<b>IHS</b>	Indian Health Service
<b>MOTTEP</b>	Minority Organ/Tissue Transplant Education Center

<b>MHC</b>	<b>Major Histocompatibility Complex</b>
<b>NATCO</b>	<b>North American Transplant Coordinators Organization</b>
<b>NIH</b>	<b>National Institutes of Health</b>
<b>NKF</b>	<b>National Kidney Foundation</b>
<b>OPO</b>	<b>Organ Procurement Organization</b>
<b>OPTN</b>	<b>Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network</b>
<b>PHS</b>	<b>Public Health Service</b>
<b>RFC</b>	<b>Request for Contract</b>
<b>RFP</b>	<b>Request for Proposal</b>
<b>SEOPF</b>	<b>South-Eastern Organ Procurement Foundation</b>
<b>TRIO</b>	<b>Transplant Recipients International Organization</b>
<b>UNOS</b>	<b>United Network for Organ Sharing</b>
<b>USRDS</b>	<b>United States Renal Data System</b>

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